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Attached please find a Transmittal Letter (two pages) and a Response to Office Action dated July 26, 2005 (ten pages).

Entry of these papers in the above-identified application is courteously solicited. Any question regarding this matter should be directed to the undersigned.

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Group Art Unit: 2666

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1. Response to Office Action; and

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 26, 2005, please consider the following:

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